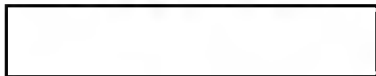


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Honorable and Mrs. Harry S. Truman



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Truman:

Thank you very much for inviting me to attend the ceremonies of a mural painting entitled, 'Independence and Opening of the West' on 15 April.

Much as I would like to attend, I have a long standing engagement on that date and, therefore, will be unable to accept your invitation. However, I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you on this occasion.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen J. Dulles
Director

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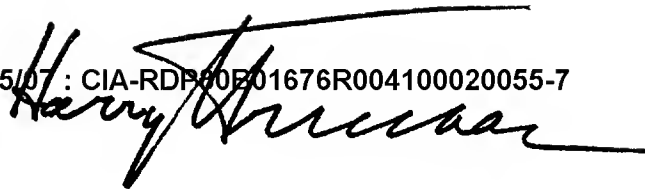
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Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Truman
request the pleasure of your company
at the ceremonies of acceptance
of
a mural painting entitled
"Independence and the Opening of the West"
by Thomas Hart Benton
in the Harry S. Truman Library
Independence, Missouri
on Saturday, the fifteenth of April
nineteen hundred and sixty-one
at three o'clock in the afternoon
and at a reception immediately following

R. S. V. P.

Post Office Box 579
Kansas City, Missouri
Please indicate number in party

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Truman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr. Allan W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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